(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what have been the trends of these over the past five years;

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to increase the production and exports of cashew;

(d) what is being done to revamp the cashew industry;

(e) whether Government have received a proposal to abolish purchase tax on raw cashew; and

(f) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Cashew nut cultivation in Andhra Pradesh

1307. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals for increasing the area of cashew nut cultivation under the Multi-State Cahsew Project-II Phase for financial aid;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has also requested aid under this project for development and extension of cashew nurseries; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon and by when the above proposals are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The Multi-State Cashew Project was launched in 1980 for implementation in the States of Kerala, Kranataka, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa with credit closing date as September, 1985. The Project was extended twice upto 31st March, 1988 before termination. There is no proposal for the revival of the project.

Setting up of Rice Research Centre in Assam

1308. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research propose to set up a Rice Research centre in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) A proposal to establish a Rice Research Centre of the Central Rice Research Institute in Assam is under consideration of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

दिल्ली में फल और सब्जियों के लिए वातानुकूलित शिक्षण केन्द्रों की स्थापना

1309. डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड देश में राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर एक